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concave second surface 28 opposite the first surface. During operation, the concavity of the second surface 28, facilitates the engagement of the pad 20 with differently sized tree trunks by allowing the first surface 26 to readily wrap around, and conform to the shape and size of the different trunks. ~~If required during operation, planar surface 26 of resilient web 24 may also adopt a curvature.~~

On page 4, lines 1 to 5, please substitute therefor with the following:

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As shown in FIG. 2, a tree shaker employs a pair of pads 20 opposite one another, each engaging the trunk of the tree to be shaken. When positioned against a tree, the bores 22 are approximately parallel to the tree trunk 40, as well as to each other. During operation, vibratory forces are transmitted from the tree shaker, to the pads 20 and to the tree.

In the Claims

Please delete claims 1 and 7 and substitute therewith claims 8 and

9. Please change the dependency of claims 2 to 6 from claim 1 to claim 8.

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1 8. (New) A pad for a tree shaking apparatus comprising:
2 a resilient polymeric web adapted to wrap around a portion of
3 a tree trunk when operating the tree shaking apparatus, and
4 a pair of parallel end sections attached to opposite ends of
5 said web, each of said end sections defining a bore extending longitudinally